Statements

Kharif 1986 (Rs. in crore)

State	Amount
Bihar	4.40
Gujarat	16.26
Haryana	6.15
Himachal Pradesh	1.00
Karnataka	9.85
Madhya Pradesh	6.00
Maharashtra	21.92
Manipur	0.47
Meghalaya	0.15
Orissa	3.75
Punjab	13.27
Rajasthan	3.03
Tamil Nadu	3.50
Uttar Pradesh	23.48
West Bengal	2.10
	115·33

Losses of the National Fertilizer Corporation

552. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Fertilizer Corporation has been running into huge losses during the last three years, if so, the amount of losses suffered by the Corporation, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have since inquired into the working of this undertaking during the above period; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to improve the productivity of various units of the National fertilizer Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) National Fertilizers Limited did not incur any losses during the last three years.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Food and Agriculture Organisation Assistance for Farm Data Collection

553. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has been signed between the Government of India and the Food and Agriculture Organisation on collection of farm data for agricultural price policy and resource allocation;

(b) if so, what are the terms of the agreement; and

(c) what is the extent to which it would be beneficial to the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. An agreement was signed between FAO and Government of India, under which the FAO has agreed to provide a grant of US $206 thousand for the Project 'Farm Data for Agricultural Price Policy and Resource Allocation'. Under the terms of agreement the FAO assistance will be utilised to strengthen the analytical network of Agriculture Universities and Agro-Economic Research Centres, which are implementing the Comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in our country. The assistance from FAO covers material and supplies, equipment, training and